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Seattle..... (206) 281-8455
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Louisville..... (502) 894-8559
Dayton..... (513) 275-9991
Chicago..... (708) 289-0423
New York City..... (718) 284-0752
Melbourne, Florida..... (407) 768-7447
Houston, Texas..... (713) 362-4650
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 In bulletin number 6 of the ham radio conference
Delphi..... In the ham radio conference
CompuServe/HamNet..... HamNet Library 0
MicroSoft Network..... Amateur Radio File Library
Internet..... In the rec.radio.info newsgroup
Internet FTP: oak.oakland.edu.....
 In archive: pub/hamradio/docs/newsline
Local BBS's..... In the Ham Radio conferences on
 Fidonet, RIME, Intelec, I-Link, AR-Net and Fringenet.

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91066

Thank You,
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WA6ITF WB6MQV WB6FDF K6DUE W6RCL N6AHU N6AWE N6TCQ K6PGX N6PNY
KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB4KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU WD0AKO DJ0QN and
many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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(* * * * * C L O S E D C I R C U I T A D V I S O R Y * * * * *
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(* The following is an important closed circuit advisory, not to *
(* be transmitted over amateur radio. *
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(* Attention all bulletin stations. Newsline is once again on *
(* the verge of bankruptcy and existing hand to mouth. We urgently *
(* need your support to survive. *
(* As we have said many times, the decision whether Newsline *
(* stays or goes is yours. If you want this service to continue, *
(* we will need your ongoing financial support, and it is needed *
(* right now. *

(*) The address for the Newsline Support Fund is:
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(*) NEWSLINE SUPPORT FUND
(*) P.O.Box 660937
(*) Arcadia, California
(*) 91066
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(*) This ends the closed circuit with Newsline report number 962
(*) for release on Friday, January 19, 1996 to follow.
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The following is a QST

A ham is arrested in Northern California for allegedly jamming police communications. Find out more on Newsline report number 962 coming your way right now!

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POLICE JAMMER

An amateur radio operator has been arrested for interfering with law enforcement radio communications in Sacramento County and Roseville, California. Eighteen year old Bobby Lee Aguero, KE6VNU was taken into custody on January 8th and charged with obstructing justice and causing harmful interference to emergency service communications. The interference first surfaced on Saturday morning, January 6th. That's when dispatchers for the Roseville police turned up on Sacramento County sheriff's radios and Sacramento dispatchers found themselves talking to Roseville units. The problem occurred again about 3 PM on Sunday, January 7th. According to Jeff Haggard, WB6DKX, who is the communications systems manager for the sheriff's department, Roseville dispatchers later received a call from a man identifying himself as the phantom jammer. The caller warned that he was going to jam police broadcasts again at 10 PM that evening.

"The Roseville Police Department Operator was able to convince this gentleman to call back to Roseville on a trap phone line. And what I mean by a trap phone line, it's a lot like 911. We are able to determine where the person had called from.

He had actually made the call from a 7-11 and it was on Arbor Blvd here in Sacramento, near the county line. Since we knew where he made the phone call. A gentleman, Mr Daroney from Rockland Police Department showed up with a Doppler unit for tracking interference. And was able to track the transmissions from his crossband repeater being in a nearby apartment complex." WB6DKX

Using localized direction finding techniques, police traced the jamming signal to Aguero's apartment. Aguero agreed to let the police conduct a search. The radio was quickly found and Aguero was placed under arrest. If convicted on all charges Aguero faces the possibility of both fines and prison.

The FCC was not involved in the tracking down Aguero, but Haggard says that officers plan to write a letter to the commission asking that his ham license be revoked.

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HAM SENTENCED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

And a Southern California ham may headed to jail after being found in contempt of court in a repeater related case. Ronald Ames, WB6RSD, has been ordered to pay a \$3,000 fine and serve fifteen days in jail after Superior Court judge John P. Wade found him guilty of disobeying an injunction issued on January 12th of 1994. At that time, Ames was ordered to refrain from contacting and harassing members of the Keller Peak Repeater Association.

The story of Ames versus Keller Peak Repeater goes back more than two years. The two have been feuding ever since the repeater group relieved Ames of his duty as trustee for the club repeater. WB6RSD claimed that he, rather than the club, held the coordination to the channel pair. He also claimed that the repeater belonged to him.

The matter went to court. The Keller Peak group was awarded sole custody of the repeater equipment and its channel pair and there has been bad blood between the two ever since. As a result, the club sought and was granted a preliminary injunction barring Ames from bothering any member of the club.

But the feud continued and the club once again took the matter to court. In the end, Ames was basically found to have violated the original civil order. This, based on his conduct while using Amateur Radio frequencies that are, under federal law, open for use by any FCC licensed radio amateur of Technician class or higher.

The sentence imposed on Ames is the maximum allowable under California state civil law. It also constitutes a direct challenge to the FCC which technically has the only jurisdiction over cases involving radio communications. In recent times the FCC has turned a deaf ear to almost all regulatory enforcement requests involving private radio. This is why more and more ham radio related cases are now being seen in civil courtrooms nationwide.

Ron Ames, WB6RSD has been ordered to begin serving his sentence on February 7th, but he is expected to file a further appeal.

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FCC BACK TO WORK

And speaking about the FCC. With the budget impasse is over for

now, the issuance of new ham radio licenses remains stalled. The FCC reopened Thursday, January 11, but closed Friday, January 12, as another snow storm hit the Washington, D.C. area. Monday, January 15, was Martin Luther King Day and federal offices including the FCC were closed.

While it was open January 11, the FCC accepted electronic amateur license application files for processing from VECs. The Commission says that it will try to expedite the application backlog, but some temporary software adjustments were needed before licenses are granted. As a result, it could be another week for the FCC to get back up to speed.

The earliest word on call sign assignments and upgrades was not expected until Wednesday, January 17th and there is no word when filing for vanity call signs might begin. As previously reported, the FCC has several pending petitions for reconsideration that it must tackle before it accepts applications for vanity calls. Several of those who filed the petitions have indicated that they will take the matter to the federal courts if their requests are denied. If this happens, the vanity call sign program could remain on ice for several more years.

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ILLEGAL HUNTING

David Gordon, KB4LCI wants to know if you have heard any interference or illegal use of the amateur VHF bands this hunting season. If so, please send that information to KB4LCI via the internet or by U.S. mail direct to David's callbook address.

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SERA ON SPOC

Are the nations frequency coordinators backing away from giving the American Radio Relay League the ultimate power to represent them, to the FCC? This may well be the case if a press release from the Southeastern Repeater Association means what it seems to.

While SERA says it supports the idea of a single point of contact, it backed away after the coordinators present at last October's national coordinators conference voted to have the American Radio Relay League take on the job without insisting on checks and balances. At that time, SERA was assuming that the drafting committee would write a proposal indeed making the ARRL the SPOC.

But the committee may have had a change of heart. While the committee has not yet made public its white paper on coordination policy, some inkling of the groups position can be found in the SERA press release.

We quote: "Apparently the drafting committee, which released the proposed National Frequency Coordinators Council organization

documents felt that too many coordinators felt the same way SERA did. Their draft documents seem to go the direction of a SPOC made up of the nations coordinators, not the ARRL." end quote

If this is true, then SERA says that it can support the concept. The question is, will the ARRL board of directors accept being subservient to the will of the coordination community.

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BLIZZARD RESCUE

The great blizzard of 1996 that reeked havoc from the Carolinas to Massachusetts also caused problems in the north central states as well. One of the places where ham radio was called to provide community support was Indiana.

The biggest snow storm of 1996 forced local hams into an all night rescue operation in Franklin, Indiana. Nine inches of snow and strong gusty winds closed many rural roads and interstates. Several motorists were stranded with State Route 44 between Franklin and Shelbyville drifted shut. Joe Vergara, KA9ZPA and Vernie Parton, AA9LR got their call shortly before 11:00 PM from Johnson County Red Cross Director Pat Behorn. Because of poor road conditions, Vernie used his 4 X 4 vehicle to get the people off of the interstate and into the Red Cross shelter located in the Franklin Fire Station in downtown Franklin.

The people were given bedding, food and shelter until late the next morning. Paul Easley, KA9KAI also assisted in the shelter operations.

While the snow did not fall as hard in the mid-west as it did along the eastern seaboard, hams throughout the area were on alert and ready to lend a hand.

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BLIZZARD DELAYS WA3NAN SHUTTLE AUDIO

The great blizzard of 1996 also took its toll on a rather unique aspect of ham radio. Dan Schultz, N8FGV reports via the VHF reflector that the space shuttle retransmissions by WA3NAN at the Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland had to be postponed because of the 20 inch snowfall. This made travel in the Washington, DC area quite difficult and kept WA3NAN off the air the air until the snow had been cleared away well enough to allow access to the club's shack.

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CHALLENGER SPECIAL EVENT

WA6YOO reports via packet that the Challenger Junior High School amateur radio club in San Diego, California will sponsor a special

event station on January 28th to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger tragedy. Operation will be on 20 meters near 14.250 MHz, 21.350 on 15 and 28.350 MHz on 10. The club will also monitor 146.55 for local simplex contacts. If you work the station, you will be eligible for a special commemorative QSL card by sending your QSL along with an S.A.S.E. to the:

Challenger Junior High School
Amateur Radio Club
10810 Parkdale Avenue
San Diego, California 92126

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IRTS GENERAL MEETING 1996

On the international scene, the 1996 Irish Radio Transmitting Society Annual General Meeting will be held at Jurys Hotel in Ballsbridge over the weekend of April 27th and 28th.

As usual, the Annual Dinner Dance will be held on the Saturday night. The Annual General Meeting will be take place at 3 PM on the Sunday and the trade show is expected to open earlier than usual to facilitate those attending the meeting.

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UK AWARD

Also from the United Kingdom, word that the Worked All Britain organization has announced a new award for amateurs and SWL's that began on January the 1st. The Millennium Award is based on the 10 kilometer National Grid Squares, but ignores county boundary complications.

It was introduced because of the uncertainty regarding the future of local authority and county boundaries following the Review of Local Government. The new award will operate alongside the existing Worked All Britain awards program.

Full details of the requirements will be available from:

Brian Morris, G4KSQ
22 Burdell Avenue
Sandhills Estate
Headington, Oxford
OX3 8ED

and Brian's address is correct in the Callbook.

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HPM AWARD NOMINATIONS

Back in the United States, nominations are now open for the League's Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award. This award goes annually to a radio amateur under age 21 whose amateur radio accomplishments and contributions are exemplary.

The winner gets \$1,000, an engraved plaque, and a trip to attend an ARRL convention for a formal presentation. The nomination deadline is March 31st and Section Managers may nominate more than one person. For more details, contact:

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Newington, Connecticut
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YHOTY '96 NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The nominating period for Newsline own 1996 "Young Ham of the Year Award" is now open. This award is presented annually to a United States licensed Radio Amateur who is 18 years of age or younger and who has provided outstanding service to the nation, his/her community or the betterment of the state of the art in communications through the Amateur Radio hobby service.

All nominations must be submitted before June 30th on an official application. Application forms are available by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the:

Young Ham of the Year Award
c/o Newsline
28197 Robin Avenue
Saugus, California
91350

These nominating applications are also available for electronic download from several sites that provide Newsline materials over the World Wide Web and from the general interest ham radio files area on GEnie and America Online.

Sorry, but as reported two weeks ago, there is no way for us to respond to packet radio electronic addresses. To many requests were not deliverable to packet addresses last year. If you want to obtain a nominating form electrically, please do so from one of the commercial services or via the internet. Requests to send to packet mailboxes will be ignored.

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DX

In DX JJ2QEH, and JJ2QXI, will be active from February 3 to the 9th portable at VP5JM's rental shack in the Turks and Caicos Islands. QSL each as directed on the air.

Bill Myerson, NH6D returned to Midway Island on January 15th for a 2 week stay. He is operating on 40, 80 and 160 meters using CW and SSB. QSL this operation to KL7H.

And during 1996, Austrian stations will be allowed to use the special prefix OEM on a voluntary basis to celebrate the nations 1000th anniversary.

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NEWSLINE LIST

It's here! The first edition of long requested listing of repeaters and other stations that air these newscasts.

We have been posted to most of bulletin boards and web sites that distribute Newsline scripts. The list was compiled from information supplied by listeners late last year and is formatted for easy print out. It contains the call sign and output frequency of repeater airing Newsline as well as the day of the week and time of day of each retransmission.

For your copy, look for the file NL95RRP2.TXT in most on-line databases. This includes the general interest files in the ham radio software exchange on America Online.

Any additions, corrections or changes should be sent directly via the Internet to:

Dale Cary at wd0ako@rrnet.com.

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And for this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at:

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF at our editors desk, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

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